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1. I have checked this paper out with some care and believe its publication as an RI report will make a useful first contribution to the intelligence community.

2. As noted in the project, data on production by type are characterized by numerous gaps. Nevertheless, available data appear to have been appropriately exploited to give the best estimates currently possible. The technique for arriving at value estimates shows imagination and seems to be reasonable.

3. Value estimates are given entirely in rubles, which is acceptable. To meet office regulations, however these should be converted into a dollar estimate for at least one current year, say, 1958, and shown in the text, as a dollar comparison with the US, possibly at the end of the introduction, p. 8. I gather that this can be done readily by the method developed in Appendix C and used as the basis for Table 2.

4. The introduction should also compare current Soviet tube and semi-conductor production.

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6. I shall be happy to discuss these suggestions, together with the attached notes, with you and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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